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In re application of

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Shinichi HARA

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For: CLEANING NOZZLE AND CLEANING APPARATUS

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 19, 2004, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for considering the references cited with the Information Disclosure Statement filed September 26, 2003.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for withdrawing the rejections of record in the September 2, 2003 Office Action.

Status of the Application

Claims 1-21 and 27-36 are all the claims pending in the Application. Only claims 8-10, 13-17, 20 and 21 have been rejected.

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